# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding delays in the receipt of funds by the districts and panchayats for various rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the release of funds ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development releases centre share to the State Governments, mostly in two installment to District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and Zilla Parishads (ZPs) etc. as per the programme guidelines. First installment is released during April - May, if there is no condition laid down during the release of 2nd installment during previous year. Second installment is released after utilization of 60% of available funds including first installment released by Centre and State Government and completion of other procedures laid down for release of second installment. The Ministry took various measures to quicken releases of Central Share including electronic transfer of funds. There has been no delay in release of funds. As per cash management system, 67% of the Budget Estimate for 2007-08, should have been released by 31.12.2007. However, the Ministry of Rural Development released 75.17% against the target of 67%.